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## Statement of RICHARD C. LIM Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Monday, April 16, 2012 2:00 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

GM 915

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LORRIE LEE STONE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2016.

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee.

I am writing in **strong support** of Lorrie Lee Stone to the Board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. I have known Lorrie for many years since my days as President of International Savings and, later, of City Bank. She has been a practicing attorney in good standing since 1989 and has represented clients in a wide range of industries from tourism to real estate to education. She also volunteers on many non-profit boards and devotes much of her time to community outreach projects. Her representation of clients in the tourism, hotel and retail industries provides her with the expertise that will help guide the HTA Board in making its decisions on how to promote Hawaii.

Her commitment and dedication to her clients and the other boards she serves on will, I'm sure, carry-over to promoting Hawaii as both a tourist and business destination should she be confirmed to the HTA Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.

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# THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2012

#### COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Kouchi, Members of the Committee

Hearing April 16, 2012, 2:00 pm
Testimony on GM 915
(Relating to Confirmation of Lorrie Stone)

I strongly support the nomination of Lorrie Stone to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and urge her confirmation.

I have worked with Lorrie on legal and other matters, and know Lorrie to be meticulous in her legal analysis, able to learn and grasp complex issues, with excellent oral and written communication skills. Lorrie is committed to seeing a vibrant hospitality and attractions industry. If confirmed, I believe that Lorrie will make a significant contribution to the Authority and to the State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

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